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AND TAPERED ROLLER BEARING

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

**Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-053748 (P), filed on February 28, 2003.**  
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